- consultancy and advisory support
- R&D
- project implementation (such as Community Information Centres for North-East at the block levels)
- Software development (such as Railway Passenger Reservation System of CMC, Banking computerization etc.)

Introduction of Cellone

233. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Cellone has been introduced in Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh recently; if so, what are the features thereof;

(b) whether Government have conducted any study before introduction of Cellone;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir. All modern features like roaming, Unified Messaging Service (UMS), Short Message Service (SMS), Voice Mail Service (VMS), Intelligent Network Service (INS), Wireless Access Protocol (WAP) etc. are planned to be provided in the Cellone services.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Cellular Service were initially introduced in the form of a pilot project in selected towns and based on the experiences gained therein, case for wider introduction of Cellular Service was undertaken.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.